

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figure 3, the pivot pin 34 of the arm support device 20 is connected to the arm cradle 28 at a location adjacent to the front end 54 of the arm cradle 28. The pivot pin 34 includes a pivot shaft 70 that extends downwardly from the front end of the arm cradle 28 to the clamp 34. The pivot shaft 70 is preferably free to pivot relative to the clamp 32 about a pivot axis 72 (see Figure 4). As shown in Figure 2, the pivot axis 72 is offset to a right side 41 of the fishing rod 22 and a central longitudinal axis 302 of the arm cradle 28 intersects the pivot axis 72. As also shown at Figure 2, the length L of the arm cradle 28 extends generally radially outwardly from the pivot axis 72. With the pivot axis 72 offset to the right side 41 of the fishing rod 22, the arm support device 20 is most preferably suited for right-handed anglers that grasp the reel 46 with their right hand as shown in Figure 1. For left-handed anglers, the pivot axis 72 is preferably offset to a left side 43 of the fishing rod 22.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 28, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figure 4, the clamp 32 includes first and second pieces 100 and 102 having inner sides 100A and 102A that oppose one another. The inner sides 100A and 102A includes recesses 104 and 106 that cooperate to define a receptacle 108 for receiving the handle 24 of the fishing rod 22. The receptacle 108 has a central axis 304. To mount the handle 24 within the clamp 32, the pieces 100, 102 are positioned on the left and right sides 41, 43 of the fishing rod 22 and are pressed together such that the handle 24 is captured within the receptacle 108. The pieces 100, 102 are then clamped together by fasteners such as bolts 110 that draw the pieces 100, 102 together such that the handle 24 is firmly clamped within the receptacle 108.